

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Escalator Solid Side Truss Construction**, the specification of which is attached hereto. I hereby state that I authorized the filing of the specification.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate for the same invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:  
**NONE**

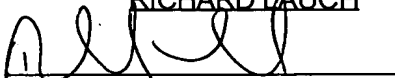
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: **NONE**

And I hereby appoint Jay A. Bondell, Esq., Registration No. 28,188, Fritz L. Schweitzer, Jr., Esq., Registration No. 17,402, Michael A. Cornman, Esq., Registration No. 20,672, Meyer A. Gross, Esq., Registration No. 22,036, Fritz L. Schweitzer III, Registration No. 39,363, and Robert I. Pearlman, Registration No. 18,881 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith, and I hereby request that all correspondence herein be directed to Jay A. Bondell, Esq., SCHWEITZER CORNMAN GROSS & BONDELL LLP, 292 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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